Docket No.: 0020-5197P

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Koichi FUJISAWA et al.

Application No.: 10/716,627 Confirmation No.: 6347

Filed: November 20, 2003 Art Unit: 1713

For: A RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR GOLF BALL Examiner: P. D. Mulcahy

LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED SB08 FORM FOR EARLIER SUBMITTED REFERENCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request that the Patent Examiner issue an appropriate initialed SB08 Form indicating that he has reviewed the following reference: JP 2001-149505 (JP '505). The JP '505 reference was submitted, along with a English abstract thereof, in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed November 20, 2003. As evidence that the JP '505 reference was timely submitted with the IDS, it is noted that a review of the information available on PAIR at the USPTO website shows that for the "Foreign reference" received on November 20, 2003 indicated as being "10" pages in length, the first page correspondences to the reference JP 2001-149503 (JP '503); but the fifth page of this document corresponds to the JP '505 reference. That is, it appears the USPTO made an error in scanning both the JP '503 and JP '505 documents together as one document. Further, evidence that the JP '505 reference was submitted is provided in the attached copy of the date-stamped return postcard receipt showing that there were indeed "10" documents submitted, not nine (which would have been the case if the JP '505 reference had not been submitted). In view of the above, it is requested that the Examiner review the JP '505 reference and issue an appropriate initialed SB08 form.

Application No.: 10/716,627 Docket No.: 0020-5197P

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

Dated: March 20, 2007 Respectfully submitted,

Andrew D. Meikle

Registration No.: 32,868

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road

Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attorney for Applicant

Enclosures: SB08 Form

Date Stamped Postcard

JP 2001-149505

2 ADM/mao

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449/PTO Application Number 10/716,627-Conf. #6347 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date November 20, 2003 Koichi FUJISAWA STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Art Unit 1713 (Use as many sheets as necessary) P. D. Mulcahy Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number 0020-5197P 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	Cite	Foreign Patent Document	Publication	Name of Patentee or Wh	Pages, Columns, Lines,		
Examiner Initials*	No.1	Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY		Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
	ВА	JP-2001-149505-A	06-05-2001			Γ	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not *EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ** CITE NO.: Those document(s) which are marked with an double asterisk (**) next to the Cite No. are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

Sheet

1

of

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23 3	DOCKET NO. 0020-5197D	
Papers Filed herewith on: NOV 20307 DOCKET NO: 0020: SI 97ATTY: 4D M APPLICANT(S): F MJ E 54 W P, Kaich E APPLIN NO: FILED: 11 22 / p.3	Whew Application with Transmittal Letter Fullity Design CIP PCT Provisional Cip Decoration Constitution Constitution Consisting of Combined Declaration & Power of Attorney Completion of Filing Requirements, PCT/DO/EO/905 Completion of Filing Requirements Completion of Filing Reduited Completion of Filing Regulation of	Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed of the connection with the above of the papers filed of
	Chim Company C	Receipt indicated COMMISS Due Date:

.

•

.